

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF)
MOTIONS TO CONTINUE)
TRIALS IN PENDING)
CRIMINAL CASES)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2000-030

Whereas the Arizona Supreme Court has set guidelines for criminal case processing under Rule 8 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, and has directed the Superior Court to bring its case processing into compliance with Rule 8, and

Whereas the expeditious and efficient processing of criminal cases under Rule 8 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure requires a fair and uniform policy regarding trial continuances, and

Whereas the judges of the criminal department of Maricopa County Superior Court adopted guidelines for Rule 8 applicable to Maricopa County on April 11, 1990, and

Whereas the judges in the criminal department of Maricopa County Superior Court, after meeting in May 2000, concluded that the best procedure to ensure a fair and uniform trial continuance policy would be to assign such motions to a small group of judges to be chosen by the presiding judge.

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(a), vesting general administrative supervision over the court in the presiding judge, including assignment of all judges,

IT IS ORDERED:

Commencing July 17, 2000, motions to continue trials in criminal cases either pending in the downtown court complex in Maricopa County or filed thereafter shall be decided by one or more of the judges to be designated to decide such motions by the presiding judge. These judges may sit in panels or individually. The regularly assigned trial judges may hear only motions to continue that request a trial continuance of five court business days or less, and no more than one trial continuance in a particular case.

Motions to continue trial must be filed with the assigned division, in writing, in compliance with Rule 8 and the Rule 8 Guidelines (applicable to Maricopa County only). The courts will grant or deny motions to continue following these guidelines. The presiding criminal judge shall issue a short statement of the administrative procedures for filing and hearing of such motions.

In addition, for Court statistical purposes, counsel shall fill out a one-page form prepared by the Court Administrator to be given to the judge hearing the motion to continue either with the

motion or at oral argument. Each motion will be ruled on without oral argument unless the phrase "oral argument requested" appears beneath the case number on the first page of the motion. This form is for Court statistical purposes and does not constitute the motion required by the Maricopa County guidelines.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2000.

Robert D. Myers, Presiding Judge

Colin F. Campbell, Presiding Judge Designate

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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